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The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 48/258 A, adopted by consensus on 23 June 1994, the date on which South Africa was invited to resume its participation in the work of the General Assembly,

Noting that South Africa has since that date commenced payment of its assessed contributions,

Also recalling the exceptional circumstances pertaining to the resumption of South Africa's participation in the work of the General Assembly following the elimination of apartheid and the establishment of a democratic, non-racial South Africa,

Recognizing that, owing to these exceptional circumstances, South Africa should not be held liable for contributions relating to the period from 30 September 1974 to 23 June 1994,

Recognizing also that the General Assembly took a moral and political decision to exclude South Africa from participation in its work,

Recognizing further that the exclusion of South Africa from the work of the General Assembly was unprecedented,

1. Decides that, owing to these unique and exceptional circumstances, South Africa's unpaid assessments accruing during the period from 30 September 1974 to 23 June 1994 for the regular budget of the United Nations shall be considered no longer due and payable and that the amount of authorized retained surplus in the General Fund pursuant to General Assembly resolution 42/216 A of 21 December 1987 shall be reduced accordingly;

2. Decides also that, owing to these unique and exceptional circumstances, South Africa's unpaid assessments accruing during the period from 30 September 1974 to 23 June 1994 for United Nations peace-keeping operations shall be considered no longer due and payable;

3. Decides further that under no circumstances shall the decisions referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the present resolution be used as a precedent.